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## 'It's not right': Trans footballer



Kevin Cooley of the Halifax West Warriors football team poses prior to his first game with the team last week. PHOTOS: JEFF HARPER/METRO

LGBTQ

### Teen questions reasons why he lost his McDonald's job



Haley Ryan  
Metro | Halifax

A Halifax high school football player who made headlines around North America for being the first trans player on his team says he was let go from McDonald's, partly due to that media attention.

Kenny Cooley, a 17-year-old student at Halifax West, said two days after his story first appeared in Metro on Sept. 12 he was called into the McDonald's on the Bedford Highway where he'd worked since April.

Cooley said he was told that his employment was being terminated "one because of the media, and two because we had some schedule mishaps," he said during an interview Wednesday.

When asked about Cooley's dismissal on Wednesday, a McDonald's spokesperson forwarded an emailed statement from the owner operator, Bob Smith.

Smith said he was "shocked by these allegations as they are simply not true."

"I have been a local business owner for more than 25 years and I pride myself on operating an open and diverse workplace. At my restaurants, inclusion has always been an important

part of my work culture. Our philosophy has always been to 'bring your whole self to work.' By doing so, we encourage an open and accepting workplace that allows everyone to contribute their personal best," Smith's statement said.

After first told by Metro, Cooley has had his story picked up by international outlets like ABC and The Washington Post, as well as national ones like CTV National and The Canadian Press, and gotten positive feedback since then, he said.

It "wasn't a good feeling" to be let go for those two reasons last Wednesday, Cooley said.

"It was like a really uncom-

fortable setting ... it kind of made me feel really bad," he added.

As for the scheduling mishap, Cooley said he had thought it was resolved when it happened two weeks ago. It revolved around Cooley having a schedule that read a different shift time than the one his McDonald's manager had.

Metro went to the Bedford store on Wednesday evening and asked to speak to the restaurant manager, but was told by a staff member she was "unavailable" to speak, but they were working on a statement with their lawyers.

Soon afterwards Metro received the statement from Bob Smith.

Cooley said his mother is thinking of taking his case to the Labour Board to see whether it qualifies as wrongful dismissal, and he agrees.

It's not that he wants money or compensation per se, Cooley said, but would like an apology from the store and McDonald's.

"It's not right," Cooley said.



**I pride myself on operating an open and diverse workplace.**

Statement from McDonald's owner operator Bob Smith



The McDonald's in Bedford where Cooley worked.





# Speak up, show up: Campaign

## VOTERS

### Organization working to get more residents to the polls



**Yvette d'Entremont**  
Metro | Halifax

A community group hopes its initiative to increase "dismal" voter turnout in Dartmouth North will bear fruit.

That part of the community holds one-third of the votes in District 6, but its voting rates are eight to nine times lower than the rest of the area.

When District 6 held a by-election in January, only 161 people of 6,002 eligible voters in Dartmouth North showed up to vote. That works out to 2.67 per cent.

Last month, the Dartmouth North Community Food Centre launched its Speak Up. Show Up. campaign to help boost voter turnout.

Organizers said in an interview Wednesday the campaign seems to be working.

"We wanted to get people from Dartmouth North out to the polling stations and make them realize that they too have a voice," explained Tammy Shields, community action co-ordinator at the food centre.

"A lot of people in this com-

munity have told us before about barriers they have to getting out and voting... Being in poverty and having all kinds of other things going on in their lives that take more of a priority."

Barriers can include not having proper identification, not understanding the electoral process or no access to a computer for online voting.

"I really had great hope that once we really tried to address some of those barriers...and take away the unknown for people, my hope was that people would be engaged," said Shields said.

"So far that really seems to be happening."

Shields said peer advocates have been regularly registering interested residents to vote.

"Tons of questions being asked and people are making sure they're getting their PIN in the mail to get to do the electronic voting and all of those kinds of things," she said.

"The community is definitely interested and involved and asking a lot of questions and checking to be sure they're on the list."

The first event was an Aug. 26 practice voting station that followed the same procedures as a municipal election.

In this case, residents were asked to vote for their favourite summer fruit. Strawberries won.

Shields said 89 residents showed up for the mock vote. Since only 161 turned up for January's official municipal by-election, they considered the number significant.



Tammy Shields, left, Community Action Co-ordinator, and Patsy Wallace, a Community Peer Advocate, of the Dartmouth North Community Food Centre hold some of the signs in their front window. JEFF HARPER/METRO

**“It’s about making it accessible and addressing those barriers people have. Tammy Shields**

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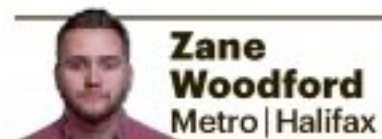


# Transit woes in District 6

## Meet the candidates

### ELECTION

## Metro talks to Josh Hogan about the area's major issues



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

Josh Hogan is hoping people in his district do what they didn't do last time there was an election: head to the polls.

"Things don't really change. It stays the status quo when only 20 per cent of people vote," Hogan said in a recent interview.

Voter turnout in a byelection in District 6 in January was just 18 per cent.

"I don't know the answer to getting that up because politics isn't interesting to most people, but it should be."

It is interesting to Hogan,

a musician and co-founder of a music PR and management firm. He identifies the redevelopment of the Shannon Park lands as a major issue in the district.

"So far, the plan for that seems to be at least mostly positive: mixed residential, some business. So that's kind of an exciting thing," he said. "It's not gonna be a giant wasteful stadium."

He's hoping that redevelopment will include low-income housing for the area as rents continue to rise, and he thinks the plans are looking like a step in the right direction.

Another big issue for Hogan is transit.

Since the Big Lift started, he's felt cut off from the rest of the municipality.

"It is slowly getting better, but I think there needs to be a lot more done for city transit, especially if they want us to utilize it more," he said.

"I think they need to do more to increase ridership."



**Josh Hogan says the redevelopment of Shannon Park is a major issue in District 6.** JEFF HARPER/METRO

He suggests a move similar to one in Cape Breton, where transit was free for two months.

"I would love to see something where they even offered free buses on weekends or nights while the bridge is

closed for the inconvenience, just to see them get more people on the buses," he said.

Hogan makes his transit woes well known on Twitter, and has interacted on several occasions with his councillor, Tony Mancini.

He's been impressed with the councillor's willingness to engage with constituents, "especially ones like me that might seem a little more aggressive on Twitter."

Mancini has been on the job for less than eight months, and is already back on a ballot.

He won the byelection in Harbourview - Burnside - Dartmouth East in January after the area's last councillor, Darren Fisher, moved on to federal politics.

None of Mancini's opponents in that election have stepped up this time. Instead, the incumbent will face just one challenger: Carlos Beals, a community outreach worker with the anti-violence group CeaseFire Halifax.



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### DISTRICT 6: HARBOURVIEW - BURNSIDE - DARTMOUTH EAST



**Population:** 24,699

**Boundaries:** District 6 encompasses most of the area usually called Dartmouth North, along with Burnside Industrial Park, Highfield Park and parts of Dartmouth East, including Woodlawn, and the neighbourhoods around Caledonia Road down to the Waverley Road.



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# 'I thought he was going to pummel me'

## HEARING

### Ex-sergeant demoted for using force talks at appeal

A Halifax police officer says he considered whether he would ultimately need his weapon to save his life as he dealt with an agitated couple he had stopped on a highway last September.

Const. Matthew MacGillivray took the stand Wednesday — the third day of his appeal hearing before the Nova Scotia Police Review Board.

MacGillivray, a former sergeant and 12-year police veteran, was demoted in January after a Halifax Regional Police disciplinary officer found that he had used unnecessary force and engaged in discreditable conduct when he stopped Graham Labonte and Angela Acorn of Belle River, P.E.I.

The 36-year-old said he carried out the traffic stop according to procedure, but things went awry

after Acorn and the much larger Labonte got out of their silver Volkswagen.

He said he had pulled the couple over to simply warn them that they were driving 115 kilometres an hour in a 100-kilometre-an-hour zone.

MacGillivray said he approached the car and stood, as trained, near the post between the driver and rear door of the car. After introducing himself and saying why he had made them stop in a "calm and matter-of-fact" way, MacGillivray said Labonte simply said, "What?"

MacGillivray said Labonte asked him to come closer, but he refused, saying he wanted to stay at distance for his own safety and for Labonte's.

"When I said that he said back to me, 'For your safety not mine.' I thought that was really strange."

MacGillivray said it was during that exchange that Acorn got out of the passenger side of the vehicle. He said he grabbed her wrist after she continued toward him, ignoring repeated warnings

to return to her vehicle, which was pulled over on the shoulder of a busy highway. He told her she was under arrest.

He said as he struggled to control Acorn, who was yelling, Labonte also left the vehicle and started toward him.

MacGillivray said he believed he was in danger of physical harm from the much larger Labonte so he unbuttoned a retention flap on the top of his handgun holster.

"I thought he was going to pummel me so I reached back to my firearm. My hand never went to my firearm and my firearm never left my holster ... I simply went to my holster to prep myself if I had to save my life."

The couple has filed a lawsuit against Halifax Regional Police in which they say they were on their way to an appointment when they noticed a police SUV driving erratically. They were subsequently pulled over and the suit says Labonte had trouble hearing MacGillivray after he approached their car.

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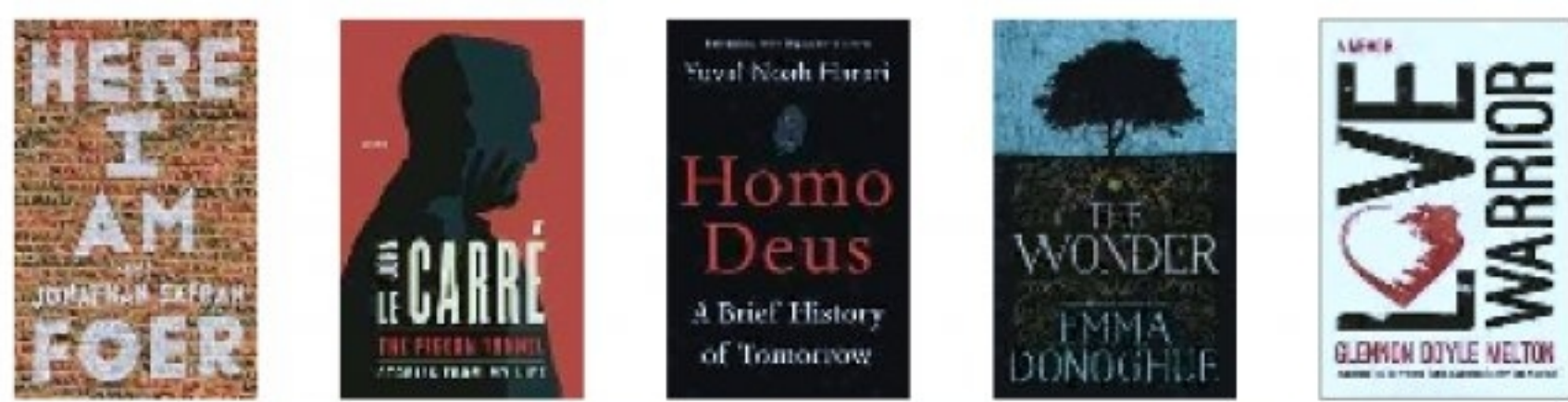
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# Refugees proud of PM nod

SYRIA

## Chocolatiers' success story in Trudeau's UN speech

A year ago, members of the Hadhad family were living as refugees after fleeing the war in Syria — but now they're running a booming chocolate business in Nova Scotia with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau telling their story at the United Nations.

Trudeau opened his speech to the Leaders Summit on Refugees at the UN in New York Tuesday by talking about Peace by Chocolate, which opened last month in Antigonish and has begun hiring local employees.

"We are so proud that he picked our story to be the inspiring story for him in his speech at the United Nations in front of the leaders of the world," Tareq Hadhad said Wednesday.

The Hadhads came to Antigonish in January after fleeing to Lebanon from Damascus, where Tareq's father Isam ran



Assam Hadhad, a Syrian refugee who arrived in Canada last year, displays a tray of chocolates at his shop, Peace by Chocolate, in Antigonish on Wednesday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

a successful chocolate factory with 30 employees.

Tareq Hadhad said the company shipped specialty treats all over the Middle East, including to Yemen, Jordan and Lebanon. They were in the process of arranging exports to Europe when

the factory was destroyed in a bombing in 2012.

In Antigonish — a place Trudeau referred to as "home to a bunch of big-hearted Canadians" — Hadhad said the family was greeted with overwhelming support from vari-

ous sponsors and the residents.

He said his father began making his chocolates as a way to give back, even donating some profits to the relief effort to help the people of Fort McMurray who were displaced by wildfires.

He said the company is called Peace by Chocolate because his father wanted an appropriate name to reflect what his new life in Canada means to him.

"It's a greeting for us, instead of hello or good morning," he said.

He said when his father decided his kitchen wasn't big enough to make his chocolates, the community turned out to help.

"Fifty volunteers helped us build a shed next to our house," Hadhad said.

Hadhad said they've already begun looking for new space for storage as they build up inventory ahead of the holidays.

That's welcome news to Antigonish Mayor Carl Chisholm, who said the Hadhads and the speech by the prime minister have put his community in the spotlight.

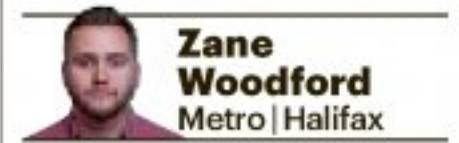
"I don't think you could buy any kind of advertising that would measure up to what the prime minister had to say," Chisholm said.

"It is a beautiful story and for him to mention it at the United Nations, what more can I say? Wow."

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POLITICS

## City fills Auditor General position



Zane Woodford  
Metro | Halifax

Just one day after the municipality's first auditor general presented his last report to council, Halifax has already hired its second.

The municipality announced Tuesday that Evangeline Colman-Sadd had taken the job after a months-long, national recruitment process.

Colman-Sadd, an accountant from Newfoundland, has most recently worked as Nova Scotia's assistant auditor general.

She'll start with HRM on Oct. 17.

In a release from the municipality, Mayor Mike Savage welcomes Colman-Sadd, and thanks outgoing and inaugural auditor general Larry Munroe for his work over the last seven years.

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## Shell drops first deepwater well, moves to second attempt

Shell has abandoned the first of its deepwater exploration wells off Nova Scotia, saying it didn't find enough oil for commercial production.

Work on the Cheshire well, about 250 kilometres off Halifax on the Scotian Shelf, was completed last week, the company says.

Shell says it is now turning to a second exploration well about 120 kilometres away.

"It is important to keep in

mind that the Shelburne Basin is an unexplored deepwater basin so the resource potential is uncertain," said Cameron Yost, a spokesman for the firm, in an email.

He said the results are based on the firm's analysis of the subsurface geology at the location of the well, but he wouldn't comment on whether there had been any signs of oil or gas.

Grant Wach, a petroleum geologist at Dalhousie University, said

it's too early to be discouraged by the abandoning of one well in the early stages of exploring the deep waters off the Scotian shelf.

"It probably took 30 wells to find the (Newfoundland) Grand Banks discovery," Wach said.

The company says the second exploration well, Monterey Jack, is southwest of the Cheshire location. A contracted vessel will open the exploration well by the end of September.

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## HEALTH

## Nurse examiner helps sexual assault survivors, prosecutors



**Rebecca Dingwell**  
For Metro | Halifax

Susan Wilson says measures need to be taken to prevent sexual assault survivors from suffering additional trauma as they take their case through the justice system.

"It's re-victimizing to go through a police statement and have to tell — very specifically and graphically — what happened," Wilson said at a press conference on Wednesday.

Wilson is the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program co-ordinator at the Avalon Sexual Assault Centre in Halifax. She was one of the speakers following the release of the SANE Program Evaluation Report.

The report outlines SANE's positive impact while also pointing to ongoing challenges.

"The extent to which the victim feels supported or isolated through the process becomes critical to their decision-making," said Peggy Mahon, the program evaluator.

According to the report, Avalon's SANE program has helped

the mental and physical health of patients.

In addition, evidence documented through a SANE can "corroborate or add to what the victim has said," helping the criminal investigation.

However, the SANE program does not appear to affect the discontinuation of cases. This "dropping off" rate is attributed



**We need to work together to provide a good level of service to these victims.**

Bill Moore

to factors such as inconsistencies in the victim's statement or the victim's reluctance to go forward.

Many of these reasons, Mahon explained, "are directly related to the effects of trauma experienced by victims of sexual assault."

"The way a sexual assault case works is the victim becomes central to the case being successful," she said. "So if the victim

doesn't recall or has inconsistencies, then I think that creates some challenges in the current system."

The report suggests that if people throughout the system are more "trauma-informed," there may be less drop-off. While the police already have a specialized sexual assault unit, Avalon recommends specialized courts as well.

"In a specialized court, the whole court process is going to have a better understanding of the specific challenges around sexual assault cases," said Mahon.

Deputy Chief Bill Moore of the Halifax Regional Police spoke about the report after the press conference.

"We're doing some things very well, and we have some work to do in some other areas," said Moore. "It's a chance for us to really grow."

While Moore said HRP has a trauma-informed approach, he understood the recommendation for it to expand.

"We are part of the criminal justice system, and we're only as good as the weakest piece," said Moore.

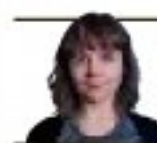


T.J. Brennan, right, grabs Michael Grabner during a scrimmage at last year's training camp at the BMO Centre in Bedford. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Leafs expected to draw big crowds

## NHL

### Training camp begins Friday at the BMO Centre



**Yvette d'Entremont**  
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For the second year in a row, the puck starts here for the Toronto Maple Leafs.

The Leafs will begin their

first on-ice training camp on Friday at Bedford's BMO Centre.

The team's daily on-ice sessions will run from about 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

There will be 500 tickets available for each of the three days the team is in Bedford.

Ticket sales take place at the BMO Centre each training day, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Tickets can only be purchased on the morning of that particular daily session. Each fan will be allowed to buy two tickets. The cost is

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The Maple Leafs open their pre-season against the Ottawa Senators at the Scotiabank Centre in Halifax on Monday.

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# Disease may not have halted Franklin Expedition: Study

## RESEARCH

### Deaths likely from injuries while hunting, study suggests

While the wreck of HMS Terror has historians hopeful for evidence of what led to the demise of the Franklin expedition, Scottish researchers suggest accidents and injuries — not widespread illness — may have led to the disproportionate number of officers' deaths.

The Terror, which was discovered in the Arctic on Sept. 3, was one of two Royal Navy ships that set out in 1845 on the ill-fated quest led by Sir John Franklin to find the Northwest Passage to Asia. The other ship — HMS Erebus — was located in September 2014 in the Queen Maud Gulf, along the central Arctic coastline.

Medical factors such as tuberculosis, scurvy and lead poi-



This sketch illustrates the position of HMS Terror at sunrise on July 14, 1837.

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soning have previously been presented to explain the loss of the ships in the Arctic when they became trapped in thick ice and all 129 crew members died.

But a study out of the University of Glasgow says the deaths were probably a result

of injuries sustained while officers were hunting for wild game on foot in a harsh climate over difficult terrain.

"It's such a significant part of both Canadian and British history," said Keith Millar, the lead researcher of the study.

"There's quite a lot of uncer-

tainty about the events that occurred around the time when the crews had to abandon their ships in 1848. The problem with the Franklin crews is they didn't come back," he said. "We know they all died, but we know so little objectively first-hand of what actually

went on, particularly around that critical period, three years into the expedition when they had to leave the ships."

As none of the ships' formal logs, including medical journals kept by ships' surgeons, are known to have survived, Millar and his team studied the "sick books" of nine Royal Naval ships sent to search for the Franklin after it was lost.

Since the search ships were similarly equipped to those of the Franklin expedition, the team studied the causes of illnesses and deaths that occurred among the search crews, whose medical records are kept in the national archives in London, England.

From examining 1,500 separate cases that listed medical conditions on the search ships, the researchers concluded some of the crew would have suffered from symptoms of scurvy and lead poisoning, but not to a scale that would threaten the expedition.

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## FIRST NATIONS CHILDREN

### Move past rhetoric: Advocate

More must be done to improve the lives of young people in First Nations communities, Justin Trudeau conceded Wednesday, even as he refused to acknowledge an outstanding human-rights decision.

The prime minister was asked why his Liberal government has yet to comply with orders from the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal on the delivery of child welfare services on reserves.

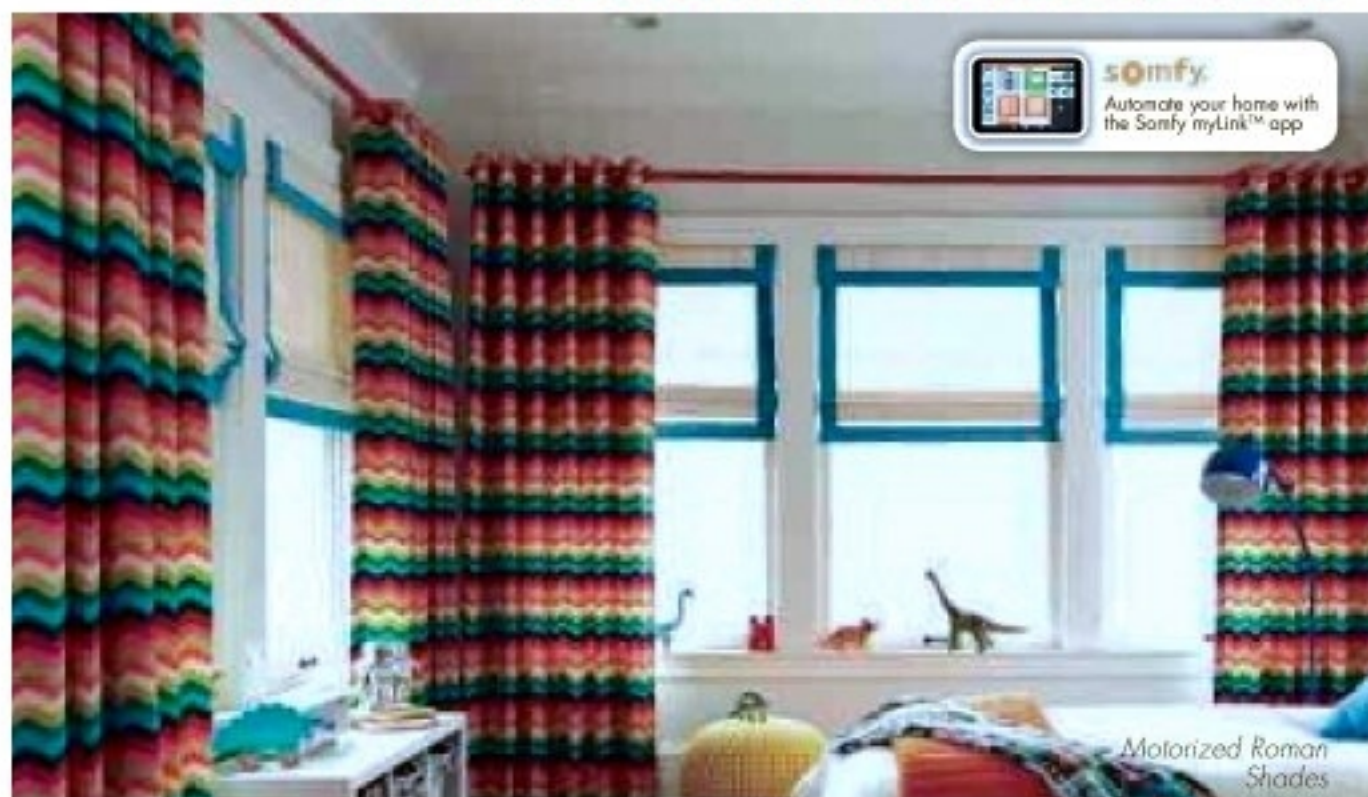
No government has done more to repair the relationship with indigenous Canadians, replied Trudeau.

The tribunal decision found that the federal government was discriminating against First Nations children in its delivery of child welfare services on reserves.

It is time to move past political rhetoric, said Cindy Blackstock, executive director of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society.

"The government needs to comply with the legal orders and end this discrimination for children — and if they do that, there will be no further need for court," Blackstock said Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## CLOSING NIGHT GALA



## Manchester by the Sea

Thursday, Sept. 22, 7:00PM - Oxford Theatre

Lee Chandler (Casey Affleck) is a brooding, irritable loner who works as a handyman for a Boston apartment block. One damp winter day, he gets a call summoning him to his hometown, north of the city. His brother's heart has given out suddenly, and he's been named guardian to his 16-year-old nephew. As if losing his only sibling and doubts about raising a teenager weren't enough, his return to the past re-opens an unspeakable tragedy. Casey Affleck's astonishing performance captures all the substance and crumbling complexity of Lee—a man frozen in anguish and barely holding it together—who must now step beyond self-imposed isolation to connect with his nephew. Director Kenneth Lonergan (*You Can Count On Me*) masterfully depicts human fragility and the possibility of transformation through subtle, small moments between characters. There are no quick fixes in the working-class New England town of Manchester-by-the-Sea, just the imperfect struggle to meet life with integrity and decency, day by day.

Director: Kenneth Lonergan  
Written: Kenneth Lonergan  
Producers: Matt Damon,  
Kimberly Seiwald, Chris Moore,  
Lauren Beck, Kevin Walsh

Cast: Michelle Williams, Kyle Chandler,  
Casey Affleck, Lucas Hedges, Gretchen Mol  
Cinematographer: Jody Lee Lipsitz  
Editor: Jennifer Lamé  
Country: USA  
Runtime: 135 minutes

## 36th Atlantic Film Festival Closing Night Celebration

Thursday, September 22, 9:00PM  
Pacific Nightclub, 1505 Barrington  
Street, Halifax, NS

After 8 incredible days of films, events and celebrations, what better way to bring it all to a close than with a "no fields burned" dance party? Closing Night is when we collectively let loose and raise the roof closing the chapter on our 36th - but with a major bang of course! Our advice is to book Friday as a sick day - you are going to be out late! Blame the Festival, it's what we do. This event is open to "Festival Experience" Passholders, "Oxford Festival Pass" Passholders, "Closing Night Film" and "Closing Night Party" Ticket Holders exclusively.

## SPECIAL PRESENTATION



## Mean Dreams

Thursday, Sept. 22, 7:00PM - Park Lane Theatre 4

Local farm boy Jonas (Josh Wiggins) meets the new girl next door, Casey (Sophie Nélisse), and is immediately taken with her. As young love blossoms, Jonas also discovers that Casey's abusive home life has reached a new level of danger. Jonas takes the lead in their escape by stealing a bag full of drug money from Casey's corrupt father - local cop Wayne Ceramby (Bill Paxton). Directed by Nathan Morlando, *Mean Dreams* is a potent directorial tour de force that fuses the desperation of life on the run with the beauty and wonder of first love.

Director: Nathan Morlando  
Written: Kevin Caughlin, Ryan Greshy  
Producers: William Woodby, Allison Black

Cast: Sophie Nélisse, Josh Wiggins,  
Bill Paxton, Colin Hanks  
Cinematographer: Steve Cosens

Editor: Renald Sanders, Sandy Perrin  
Country: Canada  
Runtime: 104 minutes



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## Wireless emergency alerts could come soon

PUBLIC SAFETY

**Association says it would take a year and \$25M to establish system**

Mobile phone alerts warning Canadians of life-threatening emergencies in their area could be available within two years, wireless industry representatives say.

A version of the mobile alerts, in place in the United States since 2012, was used on Monday to warn New York-area residents of Ahmad Khan Rahami, the 28-year-old suspected in a pair of weekend bombings.

New York Mayor Bill DeBlasio said afterward the mobile warnings were "very helpful in this instance, getting that message out broadly, putting everyone on alert."

The alerts are similar to brief text messages, explaining in fewer than 90 characters what the emergency is and what action,



A mobile emergency alert was sent to New York-area residents, warning of a man suspected in two local bombings. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

if any, should be taken. Users receive a visual notification on their screen and a ring that is specific to emergency alerts — if their cellphone's sound is on.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) is examining the possibility of wireless public emergency alerts warning Canadians of severe weather, emergencies involving crime as well as environmental or industrial threats.

A handful of federal departments are funding a pilot project

in Durham Region to gauge the technical function of, and user response to, the alerts.

Approximately 20 mock alerts were sent to a designated group of mobile users, comprising about 100 emergency responders, students, small-business owners and people with special needs such as hearing impairment.

After each message, recipients were asked to complete a survey about their experience. The final test alert was sent Wednesday. Data collected during the pi-

lot project will be turned over to the CRTC and a working group of federal and provincial emergency officials, who will determine the next steps, said Tyler Cashion, owner of a telecom business contracted to help lead the test program.

The Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association estimated it would take about a year, and up to \$25 million, for wireless companies to establish a nationwide alert system, once the CRTC gives them the go-ahead. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

EDMONTON

## Freemen follower faces Canada's first charge

**Ryan Tumilty**  
Metro | Edmonton

Police in Edmonton have laid Canada's first-ever charge linked to a "paper terrorism" campaign.

Allen Boisjoli, 45, of Vegreville is associated with the Freemen on the Land movement and faces charges of intimidation of a justice official.

Police allege Boisjoli attempted to place a \$225,000 lien on a police officer's personal property after that police officer gave him a speeding ticket in May 2015.

They said while others have been charged with intimidation before, they believe this is the first time a charge has been linked to unlawful paperwork.

Freemen, who don't recognize government authority, often use the tactic of overwhelming courts with documents to try to have charges against them

dismissed or withdrawn, said Det. Rae Gerrard.

Gerrard said the documents Freeman present have no legal force but used to make the justice system drop the case.

Freemen reject the notion that current laws have any force over them.

"The Freemen, and Mr. Boisjoli in particular in this case, they use a plethora of documents that mean absolutely nothing. They're just cutting and pasting from all over the Internet," he said.

The investigation, based in Edmonton as that's where Boisjoli filed his documents, took eight months to complete, but Gerrard said it was worth pursuing.

"When we look at people who are attempting to subvert our entire criminal-justice system for their own ends, then we have to see that as very serious," he said.

Gerrard said he hopes the charge sends a message to people who espouse this ideology.

**We have tolerated the Freemen and the Sovereign Citizens to a certain extent, and now that level of tolerance has come to an end.**

Det. Rae Gerrard

## Hearing for high school teacher



**Rebecca Williams**  
Metro | Toronto

An Ontario high-school teacher is facing a discipline hearing for allegedly saying a variety of inappropriate things to her students.

According to a document from the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT), Jennifer Elizabeth Green-Johnson, an English teacher at Dunnville Secondary School, repeatedly made foul-mouthed comments to students, not only asking a teen to "lick me where I fart" but also calling one student a "bloody pedophile."

Green-Johnson was suspended without pay for one month while she awaits a disciplinary hearing slated for Sept. 23.

It's not the first time she has found herself the subject of a disciplinary hearing.

A different OCT document from January also outlined different accusations of verbal, physical or psychological abuse dating back to 2011, to which Green-Johnson pleaded no contest.

COURTS

## Cheeky smuggling case wrapping up



**Haley Ritchie**  
Metro | Ottawa

The bizarre case against an employee accused of smuggling gold out of the Royal Canadian Mint in an unusually cheeky way wrapped up in an Ottawa courtroom this week.

Leston Lawrence, 35, is accused of smuggling \$180,000 worth of gold "pucks" past security in his rectum while working as a refinery operator at the mint.

"This is the Royal Canadian Mint, your Honour, and one would think they should have the highest security measure imaginable," said defence lawyer Gary Barnes in his closing statements.

Surveillance tapes, wire transfers, Lawrence's financial records and a "vaseline cocoa butter jar" were all submitted as evidence during the trial, according to court records.

After being arrested, Lawrence was forbidden from communicating with the staff at Ottawa Gold Buyers on Carling Avenue, where he allegedly sold the stolen pucks for cash.

In the end it wasn't the mint's

**One would think they should have the highest security measure imaginable.**

Gary Barnes

security system that caught Lawrence, according to an Ottawa Citizen report, but an observant bank teller who was suspicious of the gold cheques. When she saw he worked at the mint, she notified the RCMP.

Since the investigation, the Mint's security systems have been updated, according to spokeswoman Christine Aquino.

"Understanding that there are limitations to searching individuals for privacy reasons, the mint uses the latest technology and we have updated several security measures," she said.

Updates to the security system include cameras switched over to high definition in all areas of the mint. They're also working on "behaviour observation" and "robust scanning" training.

A decision in the case has been scheduled for Nov. 9.

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## 1 tax haven, 3 banks, 2,000 offshore companies

A new leak of tax-haven data lists firms that may be legitimate, but the sheer number has drawn the attention of watchdogs concerned about the relationship Canada's banks have forged with island tax havens TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Three of Canada's big banks have registered nearly 2,000 offshore companies and private foundations in the Caribbean tax haven of the Bahamas, according to newly leaked corporate records obtained exclusively in Canada by the Toronto Star and the CBC/Radio-Canada.

RBC, CIBC and Scotiabank appear conspicuously throughout the database of 175,500 corporate registrations on the island nation, which has earned an international reputation as one of the most secretive financial jurisdictions in the world.

According to the data, RBC registered 847 companies, CIBC registered 632 and Scotiabank registered 481 in the Bahamas between 1990 and this past May.

The leaked records provide details behind the intimate relationship Canada's banks have forged with island tax havens over the past five decades.

There are legitimate reasons

**The Bahamas is the worst of the worst. Mark Morris**

for setting up corporations offshore in traditional tax havens. And there is no evidence of any illegal activity in the corporate registration records, which were obtained through a leak to the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) and German newspaper Süddeutsche Zeitung and shared with the Toronto Star and the CBC.

"Why are there so many companies registered and such a high volume in a jurisdiction that doesn't have the population base or the economy to support

it?" asks Richard Leblanc, a corporate governance expert and professor at Harvard and York Universities.

All three banks defended their Bahamian business by saying they employ strict controls and monitor accounts to detect any sign of illegal activity.

The Bahamas has been a particular concern for international watchdogs.

"The Bahamas is the worst of the worst," says Mark Morris, an independent tax consultant based in Zurich who specializes

in international tax agreements.

Unlike 103 other countries, including well known tax havens, the Bahamas has, to date, refused to sign a global treaty that the OECD calls the "most powerful instrument against offshore tax evasion and avoidance."

For over a century, Canadian bank executives have played an instrumental role in shaping the banking laws in tax havens, said Alain Deneault, a professor at the Université de Montréal and author of *Offshore: Tax Havens and the Rule of Global Crime*.

Starting in the early 19th century and right through to the establishment of the modern offshore system in the 1960s, Deneault says, "Canadian banks customized the legislation in Caribbean tax havens for their purposes: they are states made to allow large companies and wealthy individuals to avoid paying tax."

## Canadians in the Bahamian registry

Federal finance minister William Morneau and mining giant Sherritt International are among the prominent Canadian names that appear in the leaked Bahamian corporate registry.

Both say their choice to operate in the Bahamas was for legitimate business reasons.

Morneau, who was elected to Parliament last October, currently appears as the director of a Bahamian subsidiary of the human resources firm he headed before being elected. Cabinet ministers, like all MPs, are forbidden from sitting on corporate boards by the Conflict of Interest Act.

Morneau's office provided documents showing he resigned as director of Morneau Shepell (Bahamas) Ltd. on Oct. 26, 2015 — a week after the election and nine days before he was appointed Minister of Finance. Almost a year later, Morneau's resignation has still not been recorded in the Bahamian corporate registry due to clerical delays.

"Prior to being sworn-in as

Minister of Finance, he officially resigned from all boards and has worked with the Ethics Commissioner to ensure all conflict of interest rules are followed," says a statement from Morneau's spokesperson.

The statements adds: "Minister Morneau is committed to ensuring that all Canadians pay their fair share of taxes, as he has always done."

Catherine Ronberg, a spokesperson for Morneau Shepell, said the Bahamian subsidiary was not established

to avoid taxes. The company set up an office in Nassau to extend their pension consulting business to governments across the Caribbean.

Sherritt International, a mining and energy company, has made no secret of its reliance on tax havens. Any change in the laws and agreements that allow this money to flow from the tax havens to Canada tax-free would have "a material adverse effect on the Corporation's financial performance," it states.

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Bill Morneau  
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### NEW YORK

## Witnesses sought in bombing case

Investigators of last weekend's bombings have released an image of two men who took a suitcase they found on a city street, without realizing a pressure cooker they removed from it could have blown them up.

Police stressed they were being sought as potential witnesses, not as suspects.

Ahmad Khan Rahami is charged with detonating a pipe bomb in a New Jersey town on Saturday and a pres-



Officials are looking for these two men. AP

sure cooker bomb in New York City. A second pressure cooker bomb didn't explode and is the subject of the public plea.

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### SYRIA

#### Airstrike hits medics

An airstrike in northern Syria killed four medics responding to an earlier bombing, a relief group said, as the UN announced it would resume aid deliveries suspended after an attack on a convoy two days ago that killed 20 people. The escalation of violence against humanitarian workers has all but destroyed a ceasefire and has stoked tensions between the U.S. and Russia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### NORTH CAROLINA

## Racial tensions flare in Charlotte



Charlotte Mayor Jennifer Roberts speaks after a night of violent protests following a fatal police shooting. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Authorities tried to quell public anger and correct what they characterized as false information Wednesday after a night of looting and arson added Charlotte to the list of U.S. cities that have erupted in violence over the death of a black man at the hands of police.

With officials refusing to release any video of the shooting of 43-year-old Keith Lamont Scott, two starkly different versions emerged: Police say Scott disregarded repeated demands to drop his gun, while

neighbourhood residents say he was holding a book, not a weapon, as he waited for his son to get off the school bus.

The killing inflamed racial tensions in the city.

As Charlotte's white mayor and black police chief stood at City Hall and appealed for calm, African-American leaders who said they were speaking for Scott's family held a news conference near where he was killed on Tuesday, reminding the crowd of other shootings and abuses of black men. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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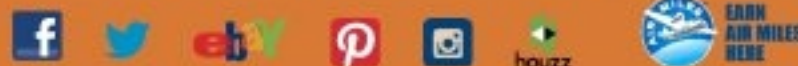
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## CHANTAL HÉBERT ON THE PM'S RETURN TO THE HOUSE



**Trudeau did not have a strong message to deliver to Parliament as it gets down to fall business, except possibly to hint that MPs and senators should not expect to have more than cameo roles in the policy developments of the coming season.**

If one were to rate a prime ministerial news conference based on its shock value, the one Justin Trudeau gave on the occasion of his return to the House of Commons for the fall session of Parliament on Wednesday would not be worth grading.

Trudeau was last in the House in June. If anything has happened over the ensuing months to alter the prime minister's thinking on some of the major files the government has punted to the fall, he was not out to share that over the 20 minutes he spent answering two dozen media questions pertaining to the fall agenda.

With upcoming negotiations on health-care funding and climate change mitigation on the agenda, the federal-provincial front is expected to heat up over the next few months. Trudeau's season-opener was not designed to pre-emptively cool provincial passions.

Provinces such as Saskatchewan or Quebec, whose governments are becoming increasingly vocal in protest over federal intentions on carbon pricing in the first case and health-care funding in the other, will parse the transcript of the prime minister's news conference in vain for the shadow of an olive branch being extended in their direction.

**The Trudeau government has never shied away from publicizing its actions, but it's no more averse than its predecessors to doing so selectively**

Nor did Trudeau have a strong message to deliver to Parliament as it gets down to its fall business, except possibly to hint that MPs and senators should not expect to have more than cameo roles in the policy developments of the coming season.

In opposition, Trudeau re-

In theory, the latter should be a no-brainer. Jean Chrétien introduced take-note parliamentary debates (which carried no vote) on Canada's peacekeeping missions in the mid-1990s. On Stephen Harper's watch, parliamentary votes on Canada's military deployments then became a



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau answers a question during Question Period on Wednesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

peatedly promised to make Parliament more relevant than it had been under his Liberal and Conservative predecessors.

He must hope the House will be a more easygoing place than it has been traditionally, for he has just handed the task of keeping the government on track in the Commons to a parliamentary rookie.

He could have used the press conference to throw a bone to the opposition parties. They have been calling for the peacekeeping mission(s) that Canada is expected to sign up for over the next few months to be put to a vote in the Commons.

But on Wednesday, the prime minister twisted himself into a pretzel to avoid providing a clear answer as to his intentions.

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Retired Liberal senator and lieutenant-general Roméo Dallaire — one of the Liberals' go-to authorities on peacekeeping policy — is advocating a parliamentary debate and a vote on the issue. Trudeau heads a majority government. The outcome of such votes would not be in doubt.

But they would raise the profile of the Liberals' peacekeeping initiatives and the Conservatives' contention that they are props the in government's campaign for a temporary seat on the UN Security Council.

While Trudeau leads a government that has never shied away from publicizing its actions, it is also no more averse than its predecessors to doing so selectively — sometimes

hiding newsworthy developments in plain sight or dumping them in the public domain in the dead zone of a late Friday afternoon.

At his news conference and in question period, the prime minister had to defend his decision to negotiate an extradition treaty with China. After his visit to China, that change in Canadian policy was publicized — without fanfare — on the government's website. It had been a long-standing Chinese demand that previous governments turned down on the basis of Beijing's poor human rights record.

On Wednesday, Trudeau gamely pointed out that Canada already had extradition arrangements with other countries — most notably the United States — that uphold capital punishment. He said his government would never agree to extradite someone who would, as a result, risk execution. He did not get into the somewhat different U.S. and China takes on what constitutes the rule of law.

If there was a point to Wednesday's news conference, beyond allowing the Prime Minister's Office to tick off a box on its media relations' to-do list, it may have been to lay out a Canadian rationale for the controversial extradition-treaty negotiations ahead of the arrival in Canada of Premier Li Keqiang later that day.

He is the first Chinese leader to come to Canada since 2010. If the issue comes up over the course of the single joint news conference of the three-day visit, Trudeau will be able to respond that the question was asked and answered.

**Chantal Hébert** is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro on Thursdays.

## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

**Cheese may not be your dish of choice but it's a lot better than poison**

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's UN speech this week held two opportunities: His, to impress the world with a Canadian-branded optimism (he did), and the media's, to tear down his sunny rhetoric (they pounced).

But I have a question for all those painting the speech as "boy scout" fluff: Are you mad that it was unspecific, that it was positive, or that, in reality, Trudeau's walk is far behind his talk?

The first and last gripes are valid. The middle is not.

Sure, Trudeau's got higher-minded words than on-the-ground results thus far. "No government in history has done more to repair the relationship with First Nations," Trudeau told reporters yesterday. To which Vice's Justin Ling responded: "Chill."

With the backslapping, sure. But with the goal? Of course not. Of course that should be the aspiration.

Maybe you don't believe Trudeau actually wants to make the world a better place. Maybe you don't think he can.

But for God's sake, how can you possibly argue against the goal? How can you wish for a prime minister who isn't so blatantly in favour of human decency? What is supremely irritating about commentary around Trudeau's speech is not that journalists might point out where he is failing to meet his own standards; it's in their sneering suggestions that it's ridiculous to even try.

Of course you can't blindly

trust any government. And in so many ways Trudeau is disappointing — in the Saudi arms deal, in long delays in bringing in refugees, in aiming no higher than Stephen Harper on climate change.

But have we no nuance? Have we lost all sense of degree? Do you really want someone running this country who doesn't believe Canadians can help the world? So why are you searching for a puke bucket when our leader says we can? Cheese might not be your favourite, but it's a lot better than poison.

Cutting down Trudeau's optimism with abandon leaves the door open for rhetoric far more perverse and far more damaging. In the U.S., reporters are struggling with the fact that in so thoroughly ripping Hillary Clinton's past to shreds they've made it harder to see that she is, despite her serious and many flaws, not even in the same stratosphere of terrifying as Donald Trump, who has received scrutiny but less than his share.

Again, it's the inability to deal in degrees. To communicate what is rotten, without suggesting that what's half-spoiled is comparable to what's already a gooey decomposing mess. It's the inability to take seriously what might actually do us some good in a candidate, or leader.

Trudeau's failures are and will be well documented, as they should be. But that is no reason to cackle as we vandalize the things he's doing right.

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## Making the Pitch for women in pro sports



Canadian Kylie Burnbury stars as Major League pitcher Ginny Baker in Fox's new series *Pitch*, which premieres Thursday at 9 p.m. CONTRIBUTED

### OPINION

## New Fox series could make or break hopes of future athletes

**Amber Dowling**  
Torstar News Service

In a world where women tennis players are often included in "Hot 100" lists and a Google Image search of the Women's National Basketball Association turns up a "pretty players" category, female athletes are still severely under-represented. Ignored, even.

Things are slowly improving. Women's soccer and hockey teams have started gaining momentum thanks to strong

North American Olympic runs. There are now female coaches in the NFL and NHL. And this summer, baseball players Kelsie Whitmore and Stacy Piagno were signed to the Sonoma Stompers; the first time a woman was admitted to the MLB since three women played in the 1950s Negro Leagues.

But it's on television where real change may be happening. This fall, female athletic representation on TV kicks up a notch thanks to the new Fox series *Pitch*, from creators Dan Fogelman (*Crazy, Stupid Love*) and Rick Singer (*Younger*).

It premieres Thursday at 9 p.m. on Global.

The show, which is already getting a lot of pre-premiere buzz, revolves around Major League Baseball pitcher Ginny Baker (Canadian Kylie Bunbury). In the

pilot she's called up to the big leagues for a highly publicized debut but gets into her own head and buckles under the massive pressure.

"It's one thing to be the team that called up the first woman," actor Mark Consuelos says in the pilot. "It's another thing to be the team that picked the wrong woman and turned this entire thing into a disaster."

The sentiment could apply to Fox itself, which took a risk investing in a series about a female ballplayer. If it tanks in the ratings, there are those who would argue that females don't belong in "male" sports in general.

It's that sort of reasoning that makes *Pitch*'s critical and ratings success key for female athletes itching for future opportunities.

In the past there have been a small handful of series revolving

around women in sport (*Make It or Break It*'s gymnasts vying for the Olympics or the short-lived 1993 sitcom *Phenom* about a 15-year-old pro tennis player, for example). But they've tended to focus on teenage audiences rather than being more encompassing adult dramas. That could be why none of them have garnered the type of publicity that *Pitch* has received, a feat that automatically ups the ante come premiere time.

Unfortunately, the pilot does have its kinks. While Bunbury is perfectly cast as the lead and has obviously spent time nailing the mechanics of throwing a baseball, her origin story could use some work. There's too much emphasis on her father (actor Michael Beach) driving her to succeed and not enough focus her own motivations and de-

sires. This is a woman who has supposedly grown up loving the game; it's important to showcase that joy and not drown it in a political statement.

Co-star Mark-Paul Gosselaar has done a great job ditching his Zack Morris persona thanks to a heavy beard (he's unrecognizable), but there are hints at a spark between his character and Ginny that threaten to derail the whole thing. If we're trying to get away from sexualizing female athletes, throwing a romance into the mix doesn't exactly jive. Not to mention it plays into the idea that women can't just be buddies with male teammates.

But for all the kinks, there's a solid foundation that could actually make a difference in public perception about women in sport and baseball in particular.

*Pitch* includes naysayers who believe women shouldn't mix with men in the pros. At the end of the first hour, the antagonists have been painted as chauvinistic and ignorant.

Having MLB behind the series helps, as it allows for the use of real uniforms and logos to lend the series authenticity. Future instalments are expected to feature cameos from real-life ball stars, something that helps build excitement with baseball fans.

Ginny Baker isn't the hero of each game (in some cases she's the goat), but she's a full-fledged team member who has become a hero to many watching her.

If this is indeed "a true story on the verge of happening," as the show's tag line suggests, having a well-rounded character at the centre can help prep an audience for a real-life milestone.



**JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING**

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issippi hometown.

She rides to the funeral with her touchy-feely girlfriend Brooke (Casey Wilson), her brother Remy (Noah Harpster), and her stepfather Bill (John Rothman) — the world's most literal man.

Tig tells Remy that her eulogy "is the last thing I'll ever

say to Mom."

"Well, it's not," Bill counters, "because she can't hear you, obviously. The last thing you said to her was probably something like, 'Okay,' or 'Bye.'"

"Thanks, Bill," Remy says, tongue in cheek.

"No, I know what Bill is trying to say," Brooke offers. "Some-

times reality, even when it's imperfect, is more beautiful than anything we could imagine or write."

Tig regards Brooke. Perfect pause. "Do you really think that's what Bill was saying?" she asks.

I love the concept of beshert: finding your other half, your "meant to be."



*One Mississippi* cannot yet be watched by Canadians. HANDOUT

I feel this show, which premiered in the U.S. on September 9. But I ache, because Canadians cannot yet access Amazon Prime series. We can, however, watch

this pilot for free, and be tantalized by Notaro's deadpan hilarity. It's killing me that there are five more episodes, which I cannot touch.



# McBride goes back to the big, bold city

## INTERVIEW

## Irish writer's second novel a tale of growth and transition

**Sue Carter**  
For Metro Canada



When Eimear McBride's debut novel *A Girl is a Half-Formed Thing* burst onto the scene in 2013, it was immediately lauded for its radical style and subversive story. But for McBride, this wasn't an overnight success.

Despite the international best-seller status, the critical fanfare declaring the Irish writer a modern-day James Joyce, getting this book published was no small feat. McBride was only 27 in 2003 when she completed the manuscript about a young woman's relationship with her dying brother, written in a fractured style that played with structure, grammar and narrative. Despite the stack of rejections, McBride persevered; 10 years later she found a publisher willing to take a risk on such a challenging read.

Meanwhile, in 2007, three years after completing *A Girl is a Half-Formed Thing*, McBride started working a new novel. She hadn't written since then; it took time to get her "writing muscles back in working order." While her first book only took six months to write, *The Lesser Bohemians* — which was inspired after McBride and her husband moved back to Ireland from London — took nine years. McBride, who hails from a small Irish town, was very homesick for her adopted city, and began thinking a lot about when she first arrived in London as a teenager during the 1990s to attend drama school. It was the heralded decade of "Cool Britannia," of Britpop bands like Blur and Oasis and the emergence of artists like Damien Hirst and designer Alexander McQueen.

"It was a very particular atmosphere at that time. There was a lot of things going on, a lot of change, and also for myself," McBride says. "When you're in your late teens and you move away by yourself for the first time, you have tremendous romanticism for life in the big city."

The *Lesser Bohemians* gets deep inside the head of 18-year-

old Ellis, a teenager from a small Irish town, who after arriving in London to attend drama school, meets Stephen, an older theatre actor of some renown, and engages in a volatile love affair. Though the novel is far from autobiographical, McBride was inspired by her own memories.

"It's such a huge moment in life when you start making decisions that will affect the rest of your life and the person that you will become," she says. "It's very powerful and you're also very vulnerable, but you don't realize that until much later in life. As a teenager you have all these emotions and your mind is racing but you don't have any sense of perspective."

*The Lesser Bohemians* tracks the relationship between the two characters mostly through their physical relationship. Each sexual encounter is described in explicit detail, but always through Ellis' stream of consciousness, whether she is exhilarated by the experience, or devastated by jealousy. When asked about whether writing sex scenes are a challenge, McBride laughs, acknowledging the pitfalls — no author wants to end up on the *Literary Review's* annual *Bad Sex*

in Fiction shortlist.

"I approached it the same way I approach everything else. I knew it had to be about the connection of the body and the internal life of the characters," she says. "Writing about physical activities is pretty run of the mill. But when the sex is there to express character, there to help the reader learn more about who these people are, then that's the point it becomes interesting."

McBride was aware that she was setting up an archetypal relationship — a naïve young woman falling for an older, sexually experienced man — but she bursts that paradigm by giving Stephen a long monologue that will both shock and build empathy, once again playing with readers' expectations. "For me, it's about finding the humanity in those situations," she says. "This is not just one of those stories, and he's not just one of those guys."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.



Eimear McBride's new novel took her back to her own early days in London in the "Cool Britannia" era. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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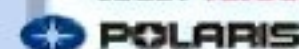
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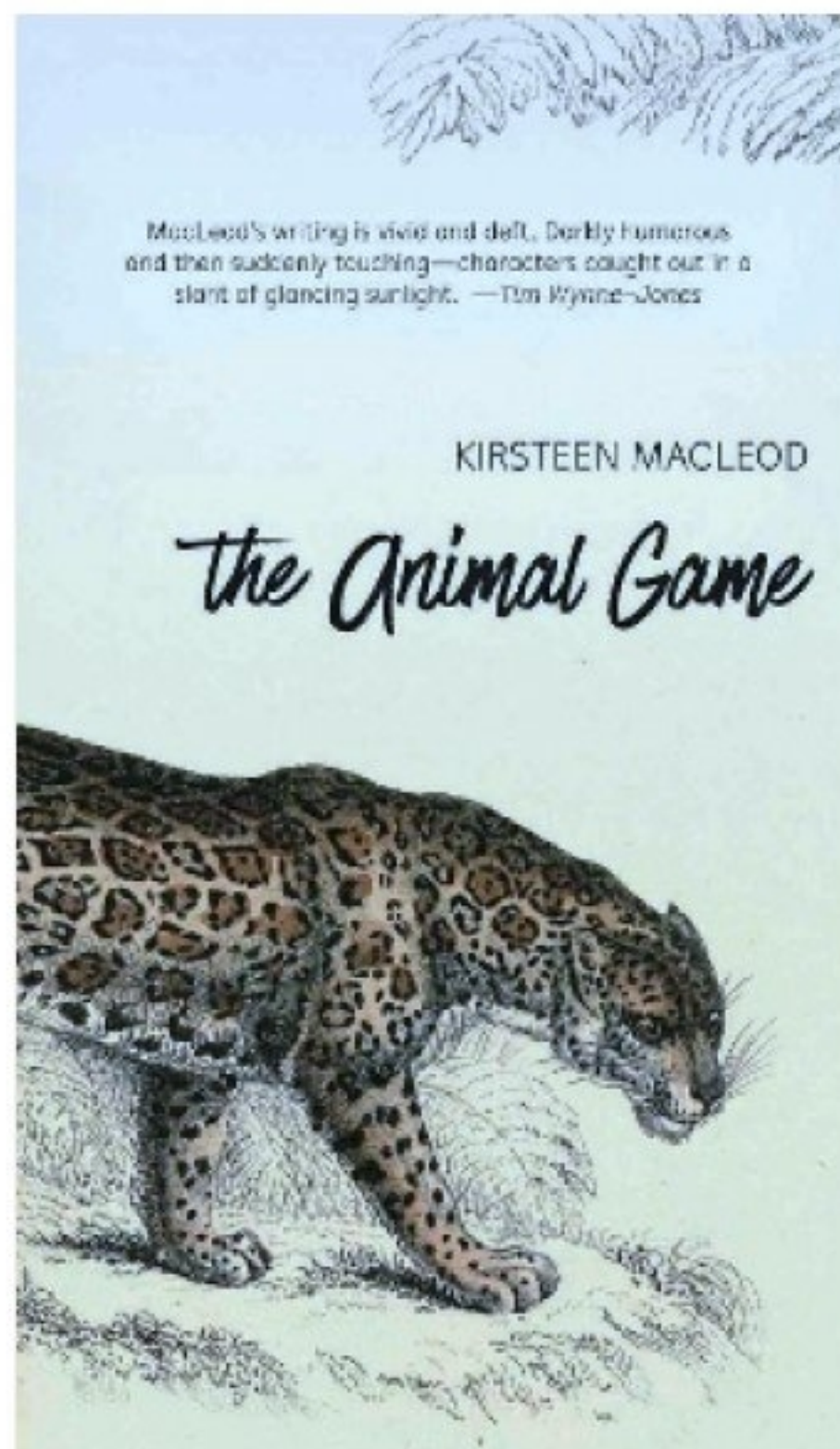
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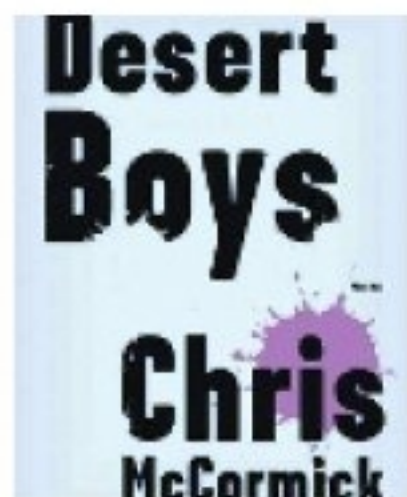
# 5 SHORT FICTION DEBUTS TO GRAB NOW

From the shores of an island in Northern Ontario to tip of the Mojave Desert and the fringes of modern society, these first-time collections published recently (including a Giller nominee) are grabbing a lot of attention. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



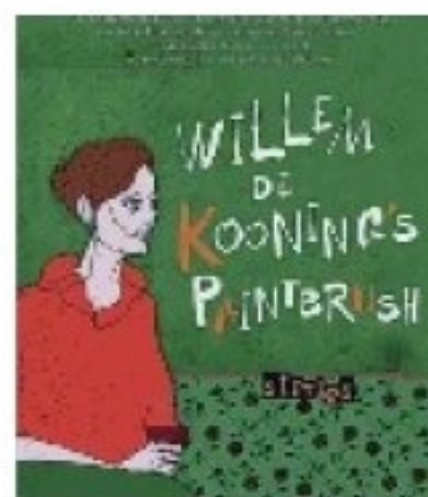
## 1 Travel

**Kirsteen MacLeod's** engaging debut, **The Animal Game**, features nine stories linked by their central characters, a Toronto woman and her Brazilian partner, Antonio. The other constant is travel — to Brazil, where they live for a time, to Canada, the Bahamas and to India, where the female narrator seeks enlightenment. MacLeod, from Kingston, writes with insight and affection.



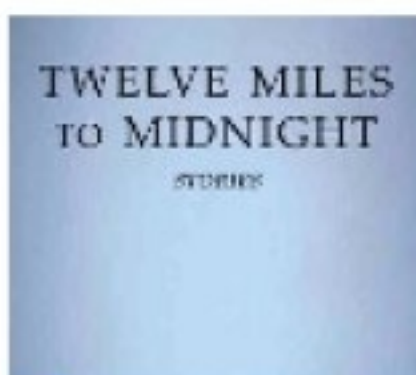
## 2 Growing up

The stories in **Desert Boys** form a classic coming-of-age story, set in California locales **Chris McCormick** knows well: the Antelope Valley, the western tip of the Mojave Desert, and San Francisco, where he studied at UC Berkeley.



## 3 Fringe

The men and women who inhabit the vivid stories of **Kerry Lee Powell's** collection **Willem de Kooning's Paintbrush** are often grasping the fringe — strippers, bullies, drunks, addicts. Even when they hold it together, their lives are off-kilter. This 15-story collection is on the longlist for the 2016 Giller Prize.



## 4 Growth

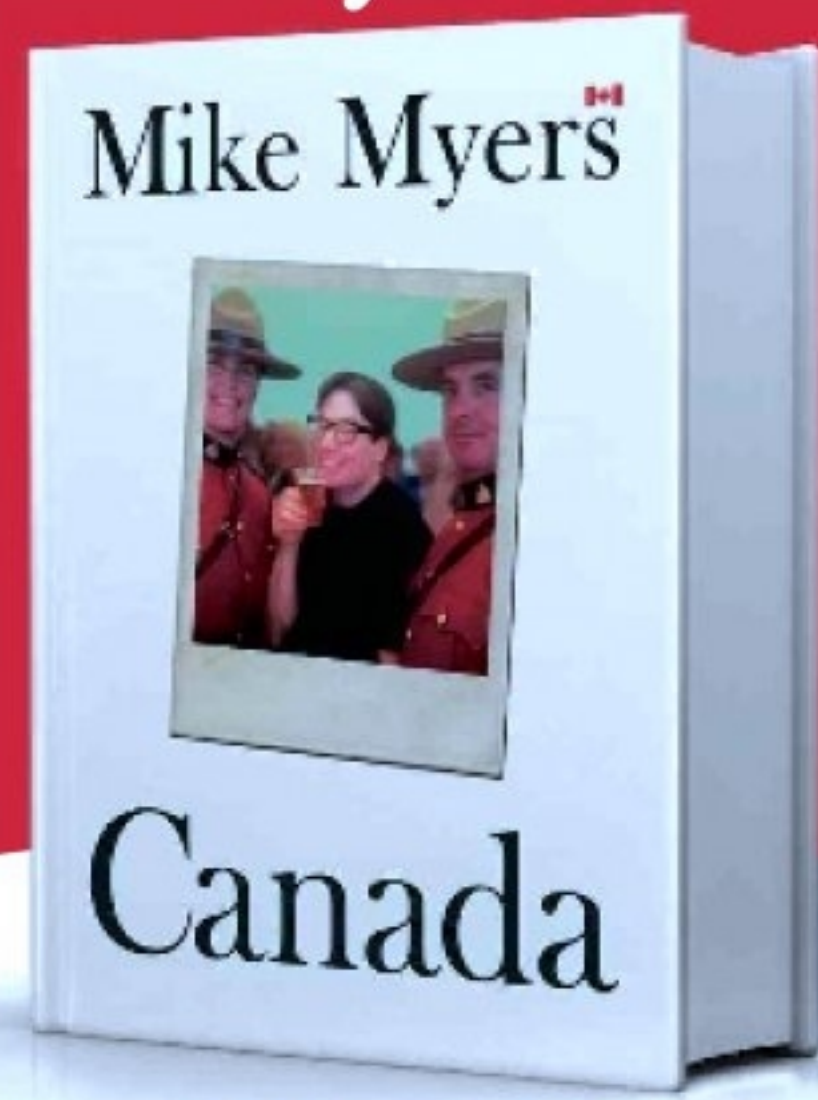
A number of the stories in **André Narbonne's** first collection **Twelve Miles to Midnight** are about a youngster named Derek who comes with his mother to live on an island in Northern Ontario. Narbonne writes authentically and acutely about moments in his characters' lives. A former marine engineer, he teaches English and writing at the University of Windsor.



## 5 Sci-Fi

Science fiction of the highest order — that's the only way to describe **Alexander Weinstein's Children of the New World**. The "New World" of the title story is a downloadable reality where visitors experience intense physical connection. Weinstein is the director of the Martha's Vineyard Institute of Creative Writing.

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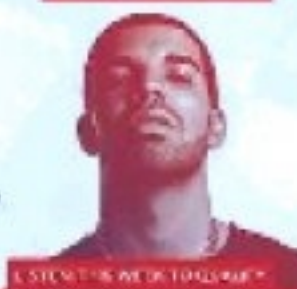
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# Tired, fed up and dropping f-bombs

TREND

## Self-help satire a sign of the changing times

Tidy up the sock drawer. De-clutter that pantry. Act like a lady, think like a man. Follow these laws of attraction. Learn the science of getting rich.

Self-help books have told readers how to act and how to live for decades. But a growing number of books in the genre are embracing a new, crasser strategy for self-improvement.

It's a counterintuitive self-help movement that has emerged in recent years, one that says you can get more out of caring less, or rather — to use the vulgar phrase — by “not giving a f-k.”

“People are a little tired of being told what to do and how to live,” says New York writer Sarah Knight, who quit her high-octane Manhattan publishing job in April and penned the bestselling *The Life-Changing Magic of Not Giving a F-k*, which has been translated into 12 languages.

She's not the only one to wield the four-letter word and embrace the crude philosophy. Among her self-help peers are bloggers Mark Manson (*The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F-k*, out Sept. 13), Stephen Parato (Kindle's *The Art of Not Giving a f-k* from 2014) and John Cooper (Kindle's *How to Not Give a F-k* from 2014), as well as New York-based Canadian writer Jennifer McCartney with *The Joy of Leaving Your Sh\*t All Over the Place*, released in May, which too upholds the “not giving a f-k” mantra.

The philosophy is simple: Care less about what others think and it is easier to pursue your



The authors of a new series of ‘not give a f—k’ self help books are pushing back at the culture of perfect Instagram selfies. ISTOCK

passions, choose what to spend your time on and to “live your best life,” as Knight writes in her book. It's why she quit her job and now splits time between Brooklyn and the Dominican Republic.

“Not giving a f-k” has been a liberating call to action for Internet-savvy generations for years. Memes with images of relaxed or carefree people like Maria spinning through *The Sound of Music* hills captioned with phrases like “Look at all the f-ks I don't give,” “And not a single f-k was given that day,” and “zero f-ks given” have popularized the mentality online. The self-help books take that meme culture a step further, selling it

as a lifestyle.

For *Subtle Art* author Manson, the mentality is also about embracing failure, that “the acceptance of one's negative experience is itself a positive experience.”

“Conventional self-help is always telling us there are no limitations — if you can think it you can do it,” he says. He adds that positivity is the “bullsh-ty” aspect of self-help that he sought to write an “antidote” for.

For McCartney and Knight, their brands of self-help are parodies of the popular de-cluttering manual *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up* by Japanese organizing consultant Marie Kondo, a conventional self-help book

that teaches readers the “Kon-Mari method” of cleaning their unkempt closets.

That tidy perfection, McCartney says, is part of a culture of Instagram selfies and personal branding that asks us to curate an attractive social media presence. “Everything today is geared toward pretending your life is perfect or making it appear so,” says McCartney, noting the cachet of having a popular Instagram account or home design blog. “Everything has to look beautiful and perfect and it's just such a sham.”

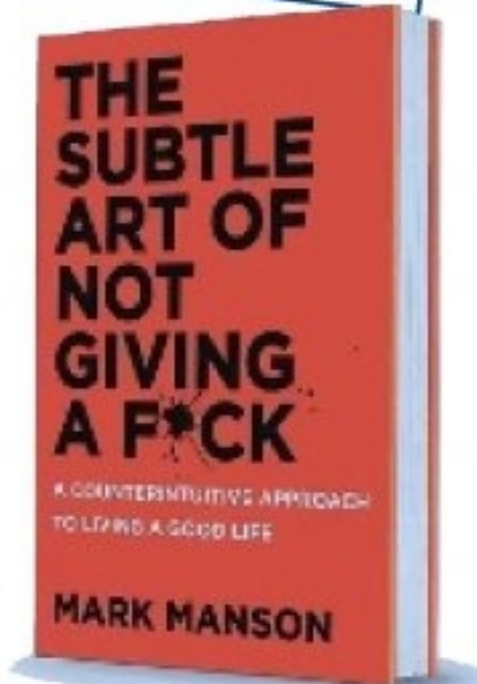
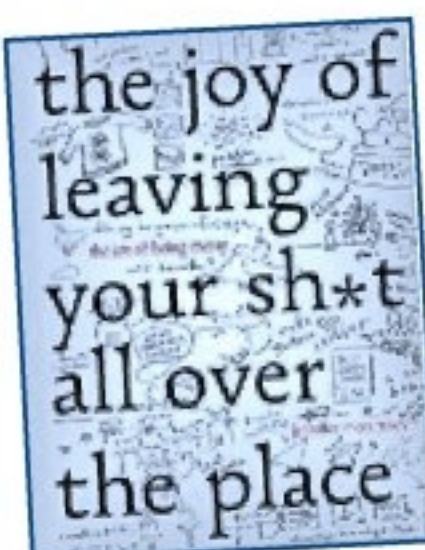
Jenna Jacobson, a social media researcher at the University of Toronto, has seen a push away from that culture and toward

one of authenticity on social media.

“These ‘don't give a f-k’ books are a response to the intense pressure of presenting an idealized personal brand,” says Jacobson. More deeply, she says, they are a response to a time in which there is so much “precarious work” and many people can't afford not to “give a f-k.” Because their livelihood depends on it, they have to give a lot of f-ks all the time, evenings and weekends, too.

“It's responding to a time when people are very busy,” says Jacobson. “Wouldn't we all just love to not care and do what we want?”

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BRANGELINA BREAKUP

## Full custody for Angelina Jolie? Not so fast, experts say

In the global hubbub over the Brangelina divorce, Angelina Jolie Pitt's demand for sole physical custody of her six children with Brad Pitt has attracted its share of the attention. Yet experts say Jolie Pitt won't have the final say, and that Pitt and the couple's eldest son, Maddox, may even have a voice in custody arrangements.

Stacy Phillips, a veteran divorce attorney, called Jolie Pitt's request for sole physical custody a “wish list,” one that could change as the divorce progresses. Phillips, like many, saw the request as a message to Pitt, although what the actress is trying to convey won't be known for some time, if ever.

Pitt has yet to file his legal response to Jolie Pitt's divorce

petition, but each actor released statements Tuesday indicating their children were the priority. The pair has six children, ranging in ages from 8-year-old twins Knox and Vivienne to 15-year-old Maddox.

“It's not uncommon that a person would seek sole physical custody in their initial filing,” said divorce lawyer Lori Howe. “That doesn't mean it is what they will end up seeking if they resolve the case through settlement or in a courtroom. ... She very well could change her mind as well. And there's nothing to stop her from doing that, despite having checked those boxes on her petition.”

California law favours joint custody of children, and judges

can generally consider the opinion of children who are 14 years or older about which parent they want to live with.

Divorce lawyers, however, say the couple can avoid placing their children in the middle of a divorce if they work out an agreement in private.

“The parents should be parents, as opposed to letting the children be the parents,” said Phillips, an attorney in the Los Angeles office of Blank Rome LLP. “They didn't ask for this. They need to be kept as children.”

Attorney Steven Mindel said in some instances, a judge may want to know the opinion of children younger than 14 years old, but in general, courts encourage parents to work out the custody

arrangements without protracted legal fights.

“You generally don't want a child testifying against a parent,” Mindel said. “It's emotionally draining on the child.”

Testimony doesn't have to be in a courtroom. It can be solicited by an attorney appointed to represent the child's interests, or can be done in a judge's chambers, if necessary, Mindel said.

If the actors get into a public custody fight, a judge might appoint an attorney for each of the Jolie-Pitt family's children. “If you do it strictly by the book, each child should have separate representation,” said Maya Shulman, a divorce attorney who specializes in resolving difficult custody cases. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



California law favours joint custody of children and 15-year-old Maddox may even get to weigh in on which parent he wants to live with. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



# When math is used for 'evil'

## INTERVIEW

### Wall Street worker sounds alarm on algorithms



**Genna Buck**  
Metro | Toronto

Lots of people like to whine about how little they use math in real life. But in real life, math is constantly using us — or at least, our data — and most of the time, we don't even know it.

A decade ago, American math professor Cathy O'Neil left her job in academia to become a "quant" at a hedge fund, a job she says made her feel dirty.

She realized that a silent technological revolution was going on deep in computer code. Sophisticated, often secret mathematical formulas, called algorithms, are making decisions about people's lives — from employment to teacher evaluation to how long your phone company keeps you on hold.

One particularly egregious example: recidivism scores. These mathematical models use personal and demographic data to predict how likely a convict is to re-offend. A higher score equals a longer sentence. But the data you feed the computer to get the score — like the crime rate in a person's neighbourhood, and whether they have friends and family with criminal records — varies widely by race and class.

Metro spoke to Cathy O'Neil about the "weapons of math destruction" she believes are threatening democracy and social equality.

**Did you have a moment when you realized, "People are using math for evil ends"?**

The light bulb moment was when this venture capitalist came to my company. He spoke about this vision of the future of advertising as this beautiful thing where people like him would get offers for trips to Aruba and he would never have to see another University of Phoenix ad (a for-profit college that's been sanctioned by the U.S. Justice Department for predatory recruitment practices), because that's not for people like him. When he said that, everyone laughed except me. I felt sick to my stomach.

**Which "weapon of math destruction"**

**was most appalling to you?**

The one that kept me up at night for weeks was the recidivism risk model in the justice system. People are being sent to prison for longer because they have higher scores, which we have every reason to believe are racist. You'd have someone who was born in the wrong place, and was therefore going to jail for longer, compared to someone who was born in the right place who'd done the exact same thing.

**I can see how this would create a sort of snowball...**

It's a cycle that is actually creating its own reality. You get a higher-risk score, you get a longer prison sentence. Guess what? You no longer have connections to your community. You have a felony, which means you don't get a job, your credit score is shot; you're very, very desperate. And then you go back to jail.

Here's what I would like to see: Look at how much higher the recidivism scores are of poor black people who've committed a certain kind of crime, compared to rich people.

Then ask why. What is it about their situation that makes their score higher? If we thought about it that way, it wouldn't be "Your score's higher, so we're going to punish you." We'd say "Your score's higher, what's wrong with your situation that you can't get out of this loop?"

They're somehow expected to take responsibility for their score. In fact, all of these things are very much society-wide issues.

**Is there a good way to use big data or is it just too blunt of an instrument?**

Right now, it's too crude. But I personally am developing auditing tools to determine if an

algorithm is discriminatory. (A company) will be able to say they have a resume-sorting algorithm that has been tested — and it's not doubling down on people who are already discriminated against.

**Is the problem that many people don't understand, or are scared of math?**

It's like a blind faith. It's somewhere between faith

and intimidation. The people who know how to use math are in, like, a secret cult, and they like feeling magical. People who don't understand it never ask any questions because they feel like they're not smart enough.

**Is there any point trying to keep our personal data out of big data?**

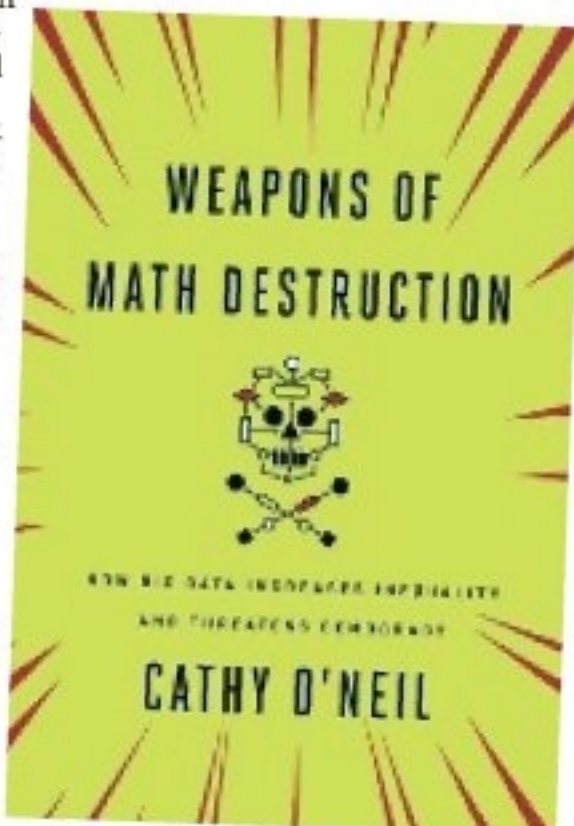
I say this as an activist but

not somebody who's really being targeted: No. People who've had a constellation of bad luck are the least equipped to protect themselves. Imagine a world where rich well-off educated people with spare time get to protect their data, but everyone else doesn't. (Through policy) we have to protect the least well-off people. My data is fine.



**I want individuals to feel they have the right to question algorithms that score them.**

Cathy O'Neil



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## Create a space to stay organized

### DIY PROJECT

### Baskets, dry erase and cork boards can corral chaos

It's the time of year to get organized. You can create your own organizational hub for your family to share messages and to-do lists on a colourful dry erase board and a personalized corkboard.

All that's required is a little paint to turn a picture frame into a message board with a pop of colour to suit your decor. Use a dry erase marker to leave notes and reminders written on the glass, then easily erase with a cloth.

Hang the boards on a wall in an entryway, mud room or over a desk to create a designated space for keeping organized. Add a tray to corral everyday items such as a bowl for keys, a letter sorter and a few little accessories to help control the clutter.

### TRY IT

#### Step 1: Gather supplies

Ensure you use a picture frame with a glass insert rather than plastic or plexi glass for this project. A dry erase marker will easily wipe off glass.

You'll need:

- Frame with glass insert
- Foam-core or foam board
- Scissors or exacto knife
- Paint
- Paintbrush
- Corkboard
- Letter Stencil
- Dry erase markers
- Push pins

#### Step 2: Paint foam-core

Measure a piece of foam-core to fit snugly inside the picture frame, then paint it using the paintbrush.

### ORGANIZE

Add a basket or two to serve as an "outbox," perfect for library books or mail.

#### Step 3: Personalize corkboard

Use a stencil and paint to personalize the corkboard with your family monogram, if you have one. Or get crazy, and make one up! Add special touches that suit your family's needs. We got started with a free printable calendar from Clementine Creative and a few push pins.

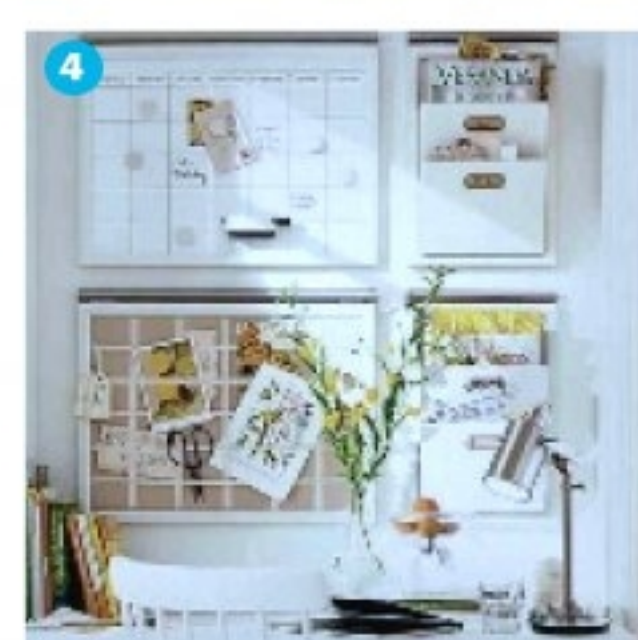
#### Step 4: Let the paint dry

Let the paint on the corkboard and foam core dry completely. When dry insert foam core inside the frame behind the glass.

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Whether at home or school, chaos can be kept in check in a number of ways. PHOTOS DEBRA NORTON/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



### RETAIL

### Not feeling crafty? Buy it

These organizational boards are a lot less work to get up and running. Take note of these versions that are instantly ready to keep everyone on task.

**1 Etch and Sketch Dry Erase Wall Decal** Add a playful dry erase decal to a wall available in variety of fun designs including this retro Etch and Sketch version. (Etsy.com. \$59.98 / \$19.95 shipping. Ready to ship in 3-5 business days.)

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# MackKinnon gives young team a shot to advance

## Physical approach a flop for Team USA

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#### North America beats Sweden in overtime

When Nathan MacKinnon deked Henrik Lundqvist out for a high-light-reel overtime goal and got mobbed by teammates, he couldn't be happier.

Minutes later, MacKinnon found out that the 4-3 victory over Sweden on Wednesday wasn't enough to get Team North America into the semifinals at the World Cup of Hockey. The most exciting show on ice has two victories and a one-goal loss but needs Finland to beat Russia on Thursday to advance.

"Honestly when I scored I thought we were in, maybe we shouldn't have (celebrated) so hard," said MacKinnon. "We gave ourselves a chance, it'll be stressful tomorrow but we have faith in the Finns."

Everything the 23-and-under Team North America does is over the top, most importantly the skill that has made it the focus of the World Cup. Despite playing the two most entertaining games of the tournament, North America is in wait-and-see mode while Sweden is the winner of

Group B after getting the point it needed.

Henrik Lundqvist stopped 45 of 49 shots to get Sweden into the semifinals after a horrendous start by the skaters in front of him.

"We gave him a rough start," said two-time Norris Trophy winner Erik Karlsson, who fell victim to the speed of North America's Connor McDavid and Johnny Gaudreau early. "As a goaltender, I don't think I can even imagine how it feels to be that kind of left alone and let in two quick goals. How we can rebound from that I have no idea."

Auston Matthews scored on a 2-on-1 with McDavid 30 seconds in, and Vincent Trocheck made it

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**3** SWEDEN

2-0 North America 95 seconds in. Lundqvist stopped a few breakaways and Gaudreau's penalty shot to keep it from getting out of hand.

Sweden eventually got a handle on North America's blazing speed, which made the best defence in the tournament look pedestrian.

"We had no choice. We had to. Otherwise it was going to be a disaster," Karlsson said. "They gave us a slap in the face right away."

North America is one big slap in the face to unsuspecting opponents, who know how fast the



Team North America celebrates a 4-3 overtime win over Sweden on a goal by Nathan MacKinnon on Wednesday. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

mix of U.S. and Canadian players is but can't possibly adjust to it before seeing it. Gaudreau later scored for North America, but Sweden got goals from Filip Forsberg, Nicklas Backstrom and Patrik Berglund to get to

overtime.

With starting goalie Matt Murray out with a thumb injury, John Gibson stopped 35 of the 38 shots he faced. He looked shaky at times but stopped Daniel Sedin on a breakaway in over-

time as one of a few memorable, important saves.

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Go to [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca) for coverage of the Canada-Europe game on Wednesday night.

Phil Kessel took his shot.

Left off of Team USA along with a number of other highly skilled Americans, the Stanley Cup-winning Pittsburgh Penguins winger tweeted after Tuesday night's 4-2 loss to Canada: "Just sitting around the house tonight (with) my dog. Felt like I should be doing something important, but couldn't put my finger on it."

U.S. management went with a sandpaper style of play that almost resulted in a gold medal at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics but hasn't worked since. Centre David Backes said he believes that style of hockey can still win if executed correctly.

"To come here and flop like we did is extremely disappointing," defenceman Ryan Suter added. "Obviously we have to examine ourselves and what more could we have done and how can we get better for future tournaments."

The 0-2 start revealed the Americans brought too much physicality to a skill game. Canada, Russia, Team North America and others have thrived with fast-paced, entertaining hockey.

Kessel was the Americans' leading scorer and best player at the 2014 Sochi Olympics, but he was left off the roster. Hand surgery after the playoffs may have put his availability in doubt, but USA Hockey's management team clearly overlooked him. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Newton calls for accountability in N.C.

## RACE RELATIONS

### League MVP speaks out after shooting in Charlotte

While Cam Newton called the latest police shooting in Charlotte, N.C., "embarrassing," the Carolina Panthers quarterback says he's not rushing to any judgments until he has more information.

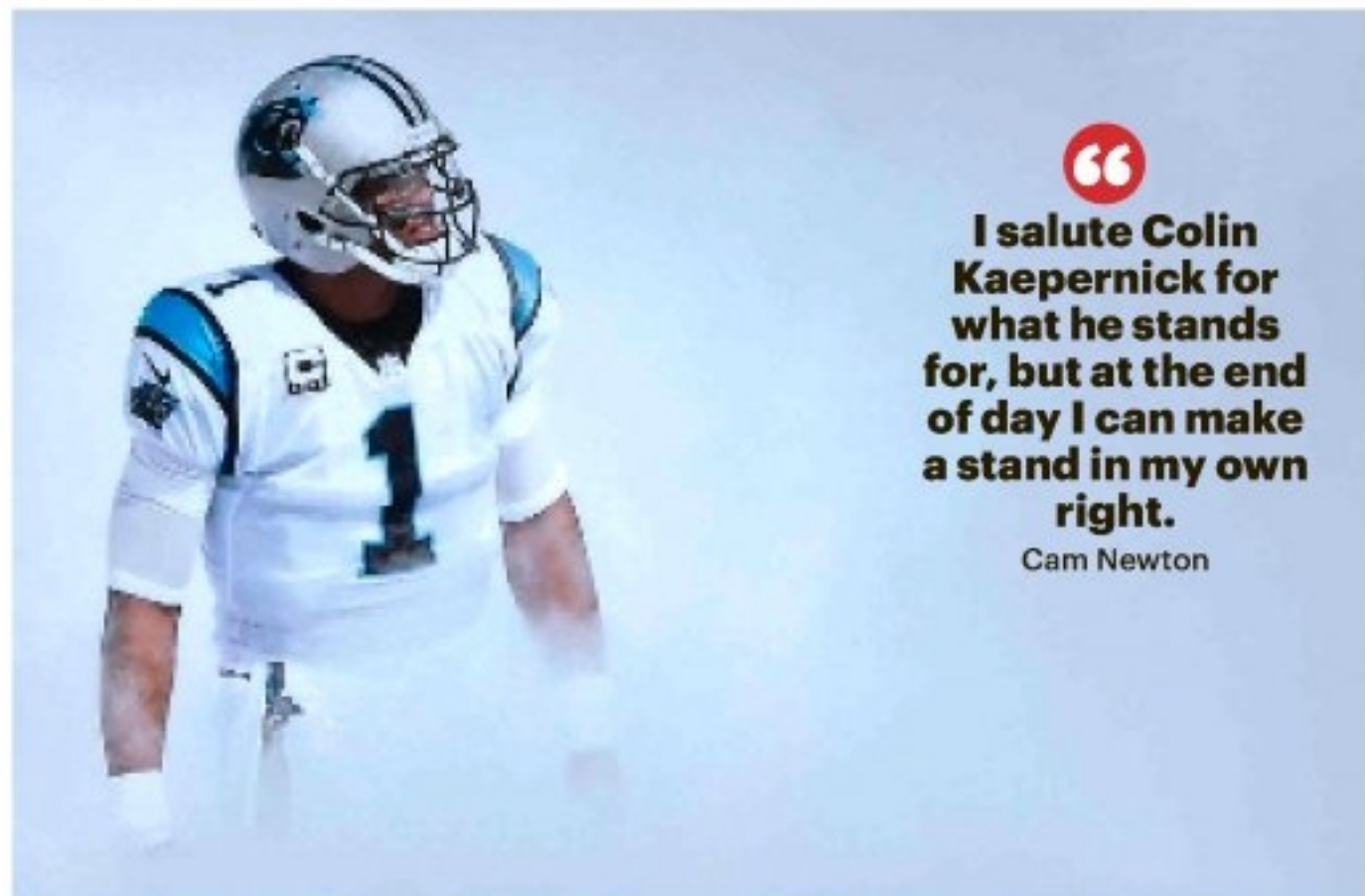
The league MVP did have some strong comments Wednesday about social injustice and the African-American community.

"My big thing is holding people accountable — no matter what the race, no matter what the gender is, no matter what the age is," Newton said at his weekly news conference Wednesday.

Keith Lamont Scott, a 43-year-old African-American man, was shot and killed Tuesday by a black police officer, sparking a violent protest early Wednesday morning about 15 miles from the team's stadium. More than a dozen police officers were injured during the protest. There also was vandalism to police vehicles and looting.

Newton said that while he doesn't see things through a "black-white lens," he does realize that people view him as a spokesman for the African-American community because of his stature in the NFL.

"I'm an African-American and I'm not happy how the justice has been dealt with over the years, and the state of oppression in our community, but we also as black people have to



**"I salute Colin Kaepernick for what he stands for, but at the end of day I can make a stand in my own right."**

Cam Newton

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## AROUND THE NFL

### Bad news for Vikings' AP

Adrian Peterson will have surgery on his right knee to repair a torn meniscus, putting his season and perhaps his 10-year run with Minnesota in question.

### Pats' Garoppolo doubtful for Texans clash

Patriots quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo is listed as doubtful heading into Thursday night's game against the Houston Texans.

do right by ourselves," Newton said. "We can't be hypocrites."

Newton went on to say, "From being a black person, there is a lot of black people that don't do right by black people, so you can't be a hypocrite and just say 'Oh a white man or a white police officer killed a black man.' Now that's still messed up and I'm not sitting up here and saying that's OK."

"I am saying we have to have a clear-eyed vision on both sides and starts with everyone holding each other accountable and policing yourselves."

Panthers coach Ron Rivera said he felt it is "not fair" for the media to ask players about the police shootings since many of them aren't informed about what is happening in the world around them even though several of his players

had expressed an opinion on social media.

Rivera believes those questions should be directed toward political officials who should work toward change.

"That's a tough issue," Rivera said. "We've got a whole bunch of young men in that locker-room, you guys all want to ask what they think about it. I'm not sure how many of them know what's going on."

"So I don't think it's fair for us to be put in a position to make comments about stuff that we really don't know about. The thing we have to do is hope things get fixed, get fixed quickly and so we can keep going forward."

Rivera said "maybe instead of tearing up the city" that people should get out and vote if they want change. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## NCAA FOOTBALL

### ACC faces hurdles in relocating title game

There's a lot for the Atlantic Coast Conference to sort out between now and December — on and off the field.

But the biggest question looming over the league is where the Atlantic and Coastal division winners will meet in the title game, after it was pulled from Charlotte over concerns about a state law that limits the protections of LGBT people.

Nobody from the ACC has spoken publicly about it since the league's council of presidents voted last week to relocate 10 neutral-site cham-

pionships from North Carolina until the law known as HB2 is repealed.

Signed into law earlier this year by Republican Gov. Pat McCrory, HB2 requires transgender people to use restrooms at schools and government buildings corresponding to the sex on their birth certificates. It also excludes gender

**65,000**

One obvious replacement host is Orlando, Fla. That city annually hosts two bowl games with ACC ties and this year an opening game between Mississippi and Florida State was played at the 65,000-seat Camping World Stadium.

identity and sexual orientation from local and statewide anti-discrimination protections.

In announcing the decision to relocate the title game, ACC commissioner John Swofford called the process of making such a move in only 2-1/2 months "our next challenge."

"Certainly, there's a short

timeframe in transitioning some of our championships, the football championship logistically being the most difficult," Swofford said. "But when you're making decisions on principle, you don't pick and choose in terms of specific championships."

Charlotte had been a successful host the past six years, drawing an average crowd of nearly 70,000. With four ACC teams in the Top 25, this year's matchup figures to be worthy of its prime-time slot on either ESPN or ABC.

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## MLB

### Blue Jays fall to M's in marathon finale

Robinson Cano delivered a sacrifice fly in the 12th inning as the Seattle Mariners avoided a sweep with a 2-1 victory over Toronto on Wednesday, preventing the Blue Jays from extending their wild-card lead.

Knuckleballer R.A. Dickey (10-15), who pitched five scoreless innings in his last start on Friday, came into the game in the 12th for his first relief appearance after 29 starts.

Guillermo Heredia reached on a two-base throwing error by third baseman Josh Donaldson to open the 12th. Ben Gamel followed with an attempted sacrifice bunt, and first baseman Ryan Goins appeared to have Heredia at third, but the ball popped out of Donaldson's glove on the tag.

Cano then followed with a run-scoring fly to left, quiet-

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ing the decidedly pro-Blue Jays crowd, bolstered for the third straight game by thousands of fans from Western Canada.

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## ENGLISH LEAGUE CUP

### United win sets up Manchester derby

Get ready for Jose Mourinho vs. Pep Guardiola, part II.

Manchester United ended a run of three straight losses by capitalizing on two goalkeeper mistakes to beat third-tier Northampton 3-1 in the third round of the League Cup on Wednesday.

The reward wasn't kind for United: a match against Manchester City in the last 16 next month and a renewal of the Mourinho-Guardiola rivalry that has been transferred from Spain to the north of England this season.

While Guardiola's City was winning its ninth successive game of the season by beating Swansea 2-1 away, United labored again and needed a helping hand and its strong



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bench to end the first blip of Mourinho's tenure.

Northampton goalkeeper Adam Smith was penalized for picking up a back pass and United scored from the resulting free kick, Michael Carrick lashing home a shot after Wayne Rooney's attempt was blocked.

United was pegged back by a penalty and then took the lead again through Ander Herrera in the 68th minute before Smith dallied over a clearance and was dispossessed by substitute Marcus Rashford, who scored into an empty net.

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## IN BRIEF

### Injury to sideline Messi

Barcelona lost Lionel Messi to injury and a chance to beat a title rival on Wednesday, when it was held to a 1-1 draw by Atletico Madrid in the Spanish league.

Messi gingerly walked off the Camp Nou pitch in the 58th minute, just moments before Atletico substitutes Angel Correa and Fernando Torres went on and linked up to equalize.

The defending champions said Messi will be sidelined for three weeks with a groin strain.

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### Bosh: I had multiple clots

Chris Bosh was dealing with more than one blood clot earlier this year, and said Wednesday that he felt written off when Miami Heat team doctors advised him the situation would likely be career-ending.

It's the first time Bosh has said there was more than one known clot that was found in his calf in February.

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# RECIPE Black Bean Burger



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**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**  
For Metro Canada

We love this recipe for two main reasons: it uses the pantry staple of a can of black beans and it's full of flavour. OK, one more reason: It's fast.

## Ready in 20 minutes

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 10 minutes  
Serves 4

## Ingredients

- 2 x 14 oz cans of black beans, rinsed
- 1/4 cup of panko or regular bread crumbs
- 2 tsp cumin
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1/4 tsp cayenne
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup fresh cilantro
- 3 Tbsp oil

## Directions

1. Place 1 can of beans, panko, cumin, oregano, cayenne and egg into a blender. Pulse it together until it forms a goopy paste.
2. Empty the blender contents into a bowl. Stir in the other can of beans and the cilantro. Use your hands to form into patties. Don't make them too big or you'll have hard time with flipping.
3. Heat oil in a pan to medium then gently place patties in. Cook for 5 minutes — without touching! — then carefully flip with a thin, flexible spatula. Cook for another 5 minutes on the other side. Serve on a bun with your favourite toppings, like tomato, avocado, lettuce, salsa, spicy mayo.

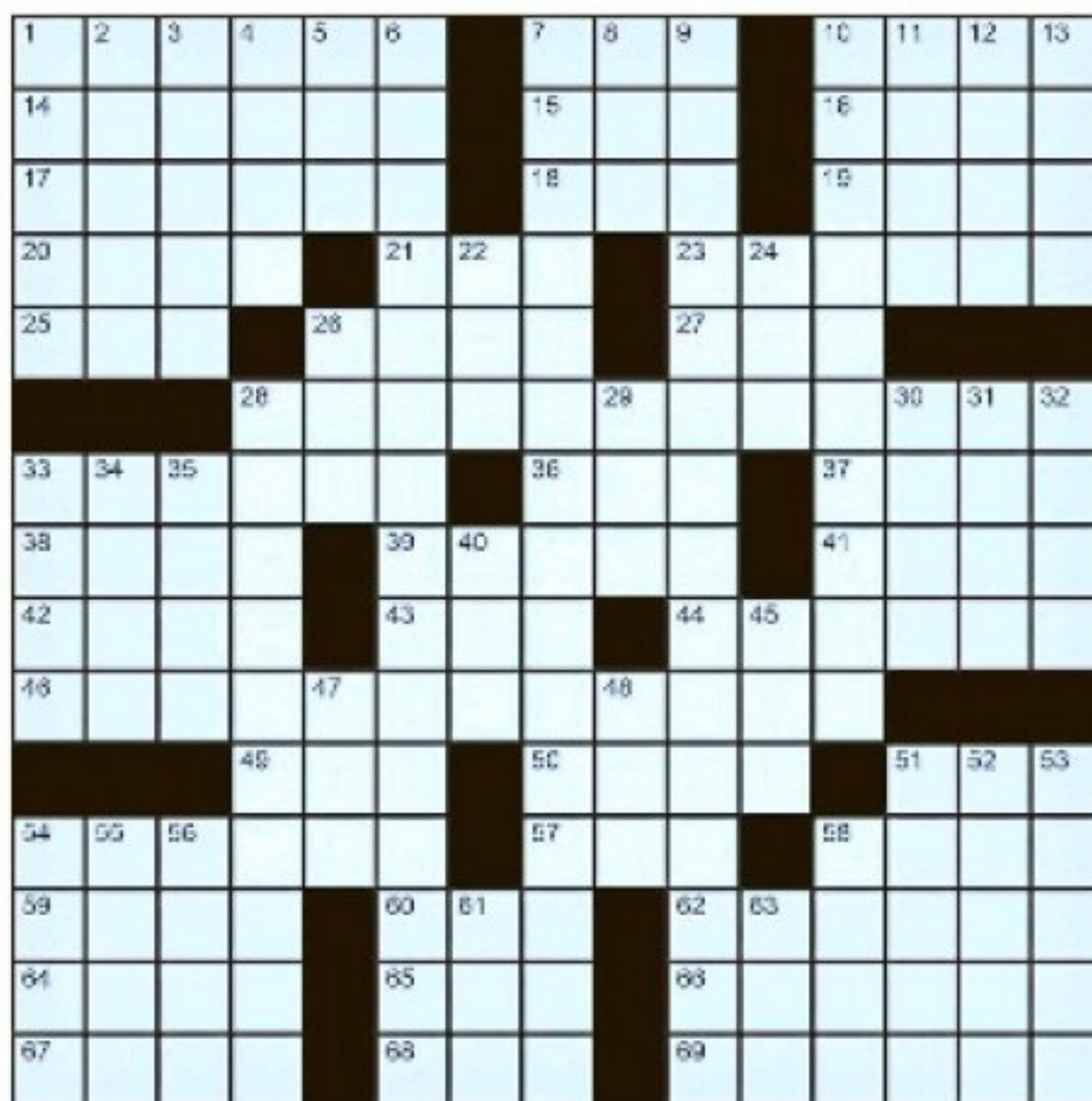
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## ACROSS

1. "All She Wrote" up-and-coming Canadian brothers country duo
7. Image filename extension
10. Fizzling-out sound...
14. Town in Ontario's York Region
15. Irish actor Stephen
16. Hawaii: All-vowels locale on Oahu
17. Snowshoe remnants
18. "Hmmm...", Brit-style
19. Pan brand
20. Mr. Cruise's
21. Affiliation
23. Barry Manilow's "\_\_\_ the Songs"
25. Web connect-or [abbr.]
26. Country singer Faith
27. Singer Mr. Sayer
28. University of Toronto teams name: 2 wds.
33. "This is how to do it...": 2 wds.
36. Alphabetic trio
37. Purge
38. Power [abbr.]
39. "Push It" by Salt-\_\_
41. O'\_\_ (Canadian actress Catherine)
42. Taj Mahal's site
43. Lay the yard's rolls
44. Neptune moon
46. Item on a having-a-big-breakfast table: 2 wds.
49. Movie franchise number



50. Barbershop service
51. Hailed ride
54. "\_\_\_ Be the Day" by The Crickets
57. Cape Town's home [acronym]
58. Angela's mom on "Who's the Boss?"
59. Do, \_\_, \_\_

60. Papua New Guinea seaport
62. "Mad About You" star Paul
64. Marie-Francoise's friend
65. Dutch city
66. Meg Ryan to Tom Hanks, in movies
67. Pea 'packages'

68. Permanent skin drawing, hip-style
69. It separates Haida Gwaii and mainland BC, \_\_ Strait

## DOWN

1. Broadway star Ms. LuPone

2. Overseas moneys
3. "Lady and the \_\_" (1955)
4. Mythological flyers
5. Gall
6. Hardy kitchen pan: 3 wds.
7. Lovely sight in a quaint neighbour-

- hood, \_\_-\_\_
8. Suffix with 'Hotel'
9. Ottawa-born star Lorne Greene's character of Ben Cartwright on "Bonanza": 2 wds.
10. Canada vessels project... AOPS = Arctic/Offshore \_\_
11. Minnie Mouse's pet dog
12. Achievement
13. Story
22. Elles opposites
24. Network
26. Owns
28. Truthfulnesses
29. Pinnacle
30. "I got \_\_, \_\_" (When the morning riser rose)
31. Architect Mr. Saarinen
32. Beautiful bird
33. Ballet bounce
34. Ms. Swenson of "Benson"
35. Jerome of stage shows
40. 'P' in literary monogram EAP
45. \_\_ and Coke
47. Be out of sorts
48. Calendar spans [abbr.]
51. \_\_ Rica
52. Keep \_\_ home (Regularly tidy the house)
53. Ballet class handrail
54. Snare
55. Prefix with 'globin'
56. In the crowd
58. Assorted [abbr.]
61. US teeth docs org.
63. Fair-hiring letters

# IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
In the next four weeks, you will need more sleep. This also is a good time to learn more about your style of relating to those who are closest to you.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
Do whatever you can to get better organized in the next four weeks, because you want to be efficient, productive and effective in everything you do. This is your plan.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Grab every opportunity to take a vacation or play in the next few weeks. Enjoy lighthearted times with children, sports events and the arts.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
Home and family will be your primary focus in the month ahead. Redecorating projects will particularly appeal.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Short trips, increased reading and writing plus conversations with siblings and relatives will characterize the next month. You'll be busy!

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
Think of ways to boost your income in the next month, because you will certainly do this now and in the next two years. Ideas? Write them down.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
During the next four weeks, you have a chance to recharge your batteries for the rest of the year. You also will attract important people and favorable situations to you.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
Start to plan what you want your new year (birthday to birthday) to be all about. You have one month to do this. Write down some goals with deadlines.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Enjoy increased popularity in the next few weeks while you schmooze with friends. Many of you will join clubs, groups and associations as well.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
This is the one time of year when you look really great to your bosses. Use the next four weeks to demand the advantage and get permission for something you want to do.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Take advantage of any opportunity to travel or get further training and education during the next four weeks, because you want to expand your world! Go, go, go!

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
Do what you can to wrap up loose details about inheritances and shared property in the next few weeks. You will accomplish this quite easily.

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